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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IRANIAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

REF: TEHRAN 3326 FASTO 96

1. UPON AGREEMENT OF GOI TO OUR PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN FASTO 96, USDA REMAINS WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH MINAG TO PROVIDE EXPERTS AND JOINTLY DEVELOP TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, TOTAL ESTIMATE FURNISHED, INCLUDING WASHINGTON PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENSES, MUST BE REIMBURSED BY GOI FOR USDA TO PARTICIPATE. SUCH REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE LIMITED TO COSTS INCURRED IN SUPPORT OF PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN.

2. USDA HAS NO FUNDS OF ITS OWN TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO GOI. OUR APPROPRIATIONS CANNOT BE USED TO UNDERWRITE ANY PART OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO MINISTRY.

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3. THE ITEM OF "INDIRECT" COST IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF PROJECT EXPENSES, AND IT IS RECOGNIZED AS A REIMBURSABLE ITEM IN ARTICLE 5 OF THE TCA. FYI. THE DEPT OF LABOR HAS RECENTLY ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THEIR COUNTERPART MINISTRY COVERING THE CONSULTANT AND ADVISORY SERVICES OF A MR. WARZECHA. GOI FUNDS TRANSFERRED FOR THIS PROJECT COVERS WASHINGTON PROGRAM SUPPORT COSTS. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT REIMBURSEMENT OF TOTAL COSTS, INCLUDING PROGRAM SUPPORT, IS STANDARD IN ALL USG PROPOSALS. END FYI.

4. ADVISE THE MINISTRY THAT UNUSED BALANCES UNDER LOU WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK. THIS BALANCE OF \$137,000 OR THE NET AMOUNT AFTER DEDUCTING THE TOTAL COSTS FOR THE IRANIAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL CAN BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY IN VIEW OF MINISTRY ANXIETY REGARDING THESE FUNDS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST REGARDING MINISTRY DESIRES. KISSINGER

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